

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 133

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Amy Adkins on her selection as the 2018-2019 East Ridge Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Amy Adkins is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Adkins has recently been named the 2018-2019 East Ridge Middle School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a sixth grade language arts teacher at East Ridge Middle School, Mrs. Adkins earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Tusculum College and her Educational Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, recognized for the past two years for having the highest scores in middle school language arts, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her field, Amy Adkins leads the Drama Club and assists with the school's community activities; she has served as Junior Beta Sponsor and was involved in Living Literature; and

WHEREAS, she is truly an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife and mother, Mrs. Adkins enjoys the love and support of her husband, Billy Adkins; her daughter, MaKinzie Ilic; her son, Braden Ilic; and her stepdaughters, Kassidey Cobb and Grayson Adkins; and

WHEREAS, Amy Adkins epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Amy Adkins on being chosen as the 2018-2019 East Ridge Middle School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.